



# HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE



## A Message from Mr O'Sullivan

Happy New Year to everyone in the Turing Family. The new term has started positively, albeit feeling a little bit of a chilly one due to the sub-zero morning temperatures. I have now received the draft Ofsted report that has been checked and re-submitted for final publishing. I look forward to sharing that with you all shortly. We were also made aware this week of a new measure called the Fair Schools Index, being used to give parents some feedback about school. The information shared by Bristol University was available solely through the Daily Mirror. The governors and I are currently digging into the data to find out more. For those of you that are interested in finding out more about the Fair Schools Index, please click [here](#).

It was lovely this week to see two ex-students, Sean Lawton and Tom Green, who came back to support us with some marketing. Both students have budding careers developing in the world of media and film. It is quite strange but also inspiring having the roles reversed, as Sean and Tom were definitely the teachers rather than the students as they directed

staff and students to ensure they were able to get the footage and material they needed. All the staff were incredibly impressed and proud of their achievements.



As we start the new academic year, we wish our Year 11, Year 13 and Year 10 RP students the best of luck with their upcoming formal examinations (less than 115 days away). This week I have been working on an AI prompt to help students structure their revision timetables. If you cut and paste the below paragraphs into Bing Chat or Chat GPT, it should help generate a revision timetable. I hope that this is useful for some. The italics are there for you to change as you see fit, depending on the subjects studied.

"I am a 16-year-old student at a UK secondary school about to take my all-important GCSE examinations. Can you create me a revision timetable that begins on the 3rd of February and ends on the 10th of May? I study the following subjects *Business Studies, Design Technology, English, English Literature, Food Preparation & Nutrition, Geography, Mathematics, Science*.

I wish to revise *two subjects* per night from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February and then increase this to *four subjects* from the 31st of April. Each subject requires 30 minutes of time. At the weekends, please provide a staggered approach to increasing the revision as the exams get closer. This can then be duplicated during the Easter Holidays and half terms. Please produce the output in an Excel and Word table."



## KEY DATES



Thurs 23 Jan	Year 13 Parents' evening
Thurs 30 Jan	Y9 DTP/Meningitis ACWY vaccinations

## Craft Club

On Tuesday, we made vision boards to help students make goals for 2025. The students found it mindful to cut and position the elements of their boards, and the prompts and pictures helped them to think deeply about what they would like to achieve and work towards over the next year. We also used paper washi tape and pens to add decorations to the boards.



## Kings Trust Year 10 Community project

After spending six weeks of hard work clearing brambles and digging up weeds to improve the space for the BMX track near Teddington Lock, the last week of the project was spent enjoying using the track with their bikes. The chair of Friends of Ham Lands also came to give the group thank you cards to show their appreciation for the work they had done and the difference it had made.



## Why attendance matters

We aim for every student's attendance to be at 96% or above!



## Homework Club

As part of our Extra Curricular offer we have a number of different homework club opportunities. This is ideal for students who want to get their work done before they go home or who would like some support with their work. There are computers available and teachers and/or support teachers at the clubs to help with the work. We run a general supported homework group open to all year groups, Monday - Thursdays in room 0.17 and there is also a maths Dr Frost homework support club on Mondays and Thursdays. Please check our extra-curricular offer on our website for full details of all clubs available: Extra-curricular activities.

Please do encourage your child to attend one of these groups; they can come and go when they have finished their work. The clubs finish at 4pm.

## The Evaluation Game

Upon returning to school, Y11s in Mr Stevens' class participated in 'The Evaluation Game', an activity designed to help students investigate and evaluate texts in an interactive way.

In this game, students formed different departments within a fictional police station, each with a unique mission. The teams were as follows:

- Team Plot: Investigated the sequence of events in the story.
- Team Characterisation: Examined the characters and their development.
- Team Setting: Explored the time and place where the story happened.
- Team Ideas: Identified the main ideas and messages.
- Team Theme: Uncovered the underlying themes.
- Team Event: Focused on climactic moment of the text.

Students worked in groups to interrogate their chosen topics within a text extract. Team captains then shared their findings with other captains before reporting back to their teams. Finally, each team 'wrote a report' on their findings (in other words, an essay...).



## Wicked Writers: Be the Change



Change your story

We are delighted to be running our Wicked Writers; Be the Change writing competition again in January 2025, in partnership with **Wicked Active**

**Learning**, the acclaimed cultural & social education programme for the UK production of the stage musical Wicked. To stay updated about the competition, **sign up using the expression of interest from in the link below:**

[Wicked Writers: Be the Change | National Literacy Trust](https://www.national-literacy-trust.org.uk/wicked-writers-be-the-change)



## Co-Curricular Music

Is your child's new year resolution to learn a musical instrument? Richmond Music Trust offer instrumental and vocal tuition during school hours on a number of instruments including Voice, Electric & Acoustic Guitar, Drum Kit, Piano/Keyboard, Voice as well as orchestral instruments including Strings, Brass and Winds. Please visit their website below to sign up for the new term: [Apply Now - Richmond Music Trust](#)

## THS Friends



**THS FRIENDS**  
 The next meeting of the Turing House Friends (PTA) will be on  
**Monday 20th January 2025, 7-8pm**  
 via Teams - use this link:  
<https://teams.live.com/join/9336868969959?p=iFzIDqJg6ROH3KpV1>  
 Get involved and come support your school!

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## Careers Fair 2026



**Calling all Volunteers: The Turing House Careers Fair 2025 will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 5.30 - 7.30pm.**

We are excited to launch our THS Careers Fair for 2025. We are hoping to build on the wide array of careers represented last year, where we had over 40 stands and speakers with approximately 400 attendees. We are therefore looking for representatives from a **variety of careers**, and this year we are particularly interested to hear from anyone working in trades. However, all volunteers are welcome.

Are you able to help us in any way? Do you run a company or have an appealing job that our students may be interested in? Are you willing spend some time telling them about your experience in the workplace/your career path? Feedback from last year's volunteers was overwhelmingly positive. If you would like to volunteer again this year, please do get in touch.

You can email the Careers team via [info@turinghouseschool.org.uk](mailto:info@turinghouseschool.org.uk) preferably by the **17<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Please include a brief overview of your role/company and include your contact details. We will then contact you with further details.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

## Music Clubs

A reminder of Music's extra-curricular offer in the new year:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Y11 Composition	Grade 5 Music Theory		
Lunchtime				Music Tech	
After School	Band Club		Bugsy Malone Band	Turing Singers	Orchestra



# Rotary International Leadership Awards 2026



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 1145

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2025

**Sunday August 10th- Friday August 15th 2025**  
**Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025**



High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre,  
 Headley Lane, Mickleham, Dorking RH5 6DQ

Operated for Rotary by Surrey Outdoor Learning  
 & Development



## Initiative...Challenge...Success...

### What is RYLA?

Everyone also gets a certificate when they complete the course. This can help with future job or college applications. The certificate will be presented to you by your sponsoring Rotary Club.

The final event of RYLA 2025 is the Gala evening which is held on the Friday evening of the course. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Where they will learn about the events of the next week



Young people need guidance as they navigate their way through a culture that promotes values that are not always positive or productive. Rotary can assist young people in making decisions that will have an influence on their personal development. For young people to choose the best path towards constructive citizenship requires encouraging them in activities that build their confidence and self esteem. This will provide them with the vision to identify how best to apply their own potential for leadership and ability to work as part of a team. This course is great fun, very energetic and immensely challenging



To give you feedback and to help you succeed skilled team leaders are always on hand to advise and support you. You will also share your experience and skills with other participants.

The Centre is a Duke of Edinburgh Award Access organisation. Candidates on Gold level can count RYLA as their residential project. Those not on Gold can accumulate credits for taking part in RYLA activities.



## Achievement...Goals...It is great fun

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) is an intensive programme for young people in both physical and intellectual terms. It is open to boys and girls within the age range 14 to 18 years of age. You should enjoy participating in team and social activities and learning the essential skills you need to survive as a leader. Rotarians recognise that today's young people will become tomorrow's leaders and wealth generators. Preparing those future leaders is a significant task. A task supported and encouraged both by Rotary International and Rotarv District 1145.



The course is fully residential, fully funded by Rotary over 5 nights starting on Sunday afternoon and finishing Friday evening. Candidates must arrive between 3pm and 4pm on Sunday and be collected by 9pm on Friday.

We will send a programme for the week and a kit list giving everything you will need to bring with you.

You will receive 3 meals each day prepared by the well equipped kitchen that can cater for most dietary requests.

To apply for this course you simply have to complete a RYLA 2025 application form and return to you local sponsoring Rotary Club.



Activities will include assault course, orienteering, all day map reading/walking, aqua sports, raft building challenge & many more.



### RYLA will help you:

- Develop personal self confidence whilst leading others
- Increase individual self-esteem
- Improve your leadership skills
- Gain exposure to a variety of issues
- To meet a wide range of young people with similar interests
- Improve career skills and knowledge and offers you a training that will be stimulating, challenging and fantastic fun.



- TEAMWORK
- RELATIONSHIP BUILDING
- CHALLENGING YOURSELF
- LEADERSHIP
- PROBLEM SOLVING
- ORGANISATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT
- COMMUNICATION
- SELF CONFIDENCE
- KNOWLEDGE
- INDEPENDENCE



The District 1145 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is held at the High Ashurst Outdoor Activity Centre in the beautiful Surrey Hills on Box Hill near Dorking. The upgraded centre with magnificent log cabin accommodation, all with en-suite bathrooms offers excellent opportunities for outdoor team building programmes and sports activities.

The facilities include a newly built climbing wall.

The re-furnished centre provides a kaleidoscope of training and activities and offers you a training that will be stimulating, challenging and fun.

### How do I apply?

If you would like to attend RYLA 2025, please contact your local Rotary Club and ask for an application form



Further details can be obtained by contacting  
 Alan Wellman (District RYLA Co-ordinator)  
 Mobile: 07951 413877  
 Email: alanwellman@btinternet.com



Mixed Adult Netball Sessions



# MIXED ADULTS NETBALL

A SOCIAL, WELCOMING LEAGUE  
**TUESDAY EVENINGS**  
Turing House School, Twickenham, TW2 6LH  
FORM YOUR TEAM OR SIGN UP AS AN INDIVIDUAL!



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